



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## In the Image of Christ

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FROM the hymns, prayers and testimonies of Christians everywhere we hear a cry that is as long as the age and as universal as Christianity. For wherever men have heard the gospel and become followers of the Christ, there has been the deep and constant yearning "to be like Jesus." What Christian has not in some manner given expression of a burning desire to be like Him?

Visiting once with a prominent jurist I talked with him of Jesus. He was a man of profound learning and a student of religion, but a stranger to Jesus, prejudiced and indifferent toward Him. In his conversation he informed me that he believed there were other ways of salvation besides Jesus. He, like many others, had been caught in the maelstrom of modern doubt, and was trying to get to heaven some other way. But one day the great man came to the prayer meeting. It was a wonderful day and the presence of the Crucified filled the house so that hearts were greatly melted. Such a holy atmosphere is a wholesome one for doubters, for there doubts often disappear. When we knelt to pray the judge knelt with us and prayed like a little child. We heard him audibly sobbing out, "O God, help us to be like Jesus." And God surely heard his prayer, and the judge went away with a different feeling and a new assurance.

What greater thing could one desire or petition than to be like Jesus? And thank God, it is not a vain desire. The day is coming when we shall see Him as He is, and then we shall be like Him—at the resurrection of the righteous. But we do

not have to wait that long to be like Him, for "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:3. And as we desire and imitate Him a marvelous transformation is going on within us. "But we all, with

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open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

The context refers to the giving of the Law and states that the face of Moses, the mediator of the first covenant (the Law), was so radiant with God's glory that he had to put a veil over his face while the people beheld him. It is further explained that that veil was typical of Israel's unbelief, and the Christian position and privilege is contrasted in that they, with no veil, behold the glory of Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant, as clearly as we can see our own faces in a mirror, through the glorious promises and privileges of the gospel, which we anticipate and apprehend by fervent desire, hope and faith. And beholding Christ

thus is affecting us so that we are, in this present world, being changed from glory to glory, even to the righteousness and holiness of God.

The Greek word here conveys the idea of looking into a mirror, with the light reflecting into the face, as would be the case on a bright day. This illustrates the work of the Spirit of the Lord—reflecting God's glory and likeness into the lives of those who diligently seek His face, His promises and His will, so that they themselves are being changed more and more into the divine image.

It was sin that produced disease, deformed bodies, spoiled the holiness and innocence of man, and sin has so accurately depicted its horrid picture on the faces of its victims that it is an easy matter to discern the confirmed criminal by his countenance. Consider the blotched face of the drunkard, the coarsened features of the harlot, or the photographs in the rogues' gallery. Sin has given the sinner the outward aspect of degradation and shame to the degree of his experience in it. But the face of the veriest criminal when just a little babe, before sin gained control of him, was the very picture of innocence. It was sin therefore that made him otherwise.

But grace proposes to undo and counteract the work and traces of sin. Just as sin has the effect of making its victims so like itself, holiness of heart, constant association with godly people, cherishing truth and virtue, living in harmony with God's plan for our lives, with a con-

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# NOTICES

From the Field

Ministers who are working in Oklahoma and Kansas will please mail your reports to me at the end of the month regardless of where your local membership is or which state overseer signed your last ministerial credential. Your October report should have been mailed to me. This also applies to church clerks' reports for October. Please do so yet if you haven't already. If, by mistake, you sent them to the wrong party, make out a duplicate copy and mail to me as they are very necessary for my monthly records.—S. J. Wood, state overseer of Oklahoma and Kansas, Box 656, Maud, Okla.

The Pounding Mill, Va. and Baptist Valley Churches of God have gone over the top with their aged ministers' quotas. Our church building at Pounding Mill burned, so pray for us that we will be able to rebuild and that the Lord will bless our efforts.—J. C. Hanks, pastor, Pounding Mill, Va.

We are very much in need of a pianist here who lives in the community. If you are a textile worker and would be interested in a job here and will play for the church, please write me and send reference in first letter. We would prefer a Church of God person. You need not come now, only write a letter telling whether you play by note and enclose reference.—W. L. Edgar, pastor, Box 343, Ware Shoals, S. C.

FOR SALE: My library of over three hundred choice books—Henry's Commentary, Clarke's Commentary, Jamieson, Faussett & Brown; Great Texts of the Bible by Hasting; Sermons by Wesley, Moody, Spurgeon, Andrew Murray, Talmadge, Gordon, and many others too numerous to mention, also three Bible correspondence courses; one large (Larkin) chart on the Book of Daniel, oil painting on heavy canvas, about 4x14 feet. Will sacrifice for cash. If interested write for price and complete information.—John E. Douglas, Box 222, Jal, N. Mex.

To whom it may concern: My address for this year is 44 N. Marion St., Athens, Ala.—Clay M. Day.

We would like to get in touch with someone who would like to drive a car and stay with us and go around with us to work in the service of the Lord. There is just my husband and I. We have a good Ford and want a good driver

whom we can trust. If you are interested in this work, let us know at once. We live on the Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C. highway at Tucapau.—Mrs. Rosa Clayton, Tucapau, S. C.

To the district overseers of West Virginia: Inasmuch as you are serving temporarily as district Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendents, please see that each of your Sunday School and Y. P. E. secretaries sends you a report also and award your district banners according to same.—Max L. Atkins, state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent of West Virginia, Box 896, Beckley, W. Va.

We will have the district rally of the Dyersburg Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s Jan. 10 at the Dyersburg church. You must have your report and a delegation to win the banner. Brother Nelson Embry, R. F. D., Dyersburg, Tenn. is appointed district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Everyone be sure

## YES, IT IS COMING

### The New Church of God Hymnal "SONGS OF PRAYER AND PRAISE,"

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to attend.—B. E. Ellis, district pastor.

To those who may want me for a revival, my address is Bishop, Va.—H. W. Roach.

McColl, S. C. Church of God has gone over the top with its aged ministers' quota.—M. G. Quinton.

As I am doing pastoral work on the Carrollton, Ga. district, my address for the ensuing year will be Route 2, Temple, Ga.—J. E. Ledford.

I expect to do some evangelistic work this year. My address is 1507 23rd Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.—B. D. Smith.

Brother and Sister McDaniel are here

in a revival at Kettle Island. Pray for the meeting.—Levi Henson, Kettle Island, Ky.

Mary Coleman desires to know the whereabouts of her sister, Jannie Williams, last heard of at Greedville, Ala. Their father has recently died and left some land at Route 1, Sturgis, Miss. which is to be divided if they can find Mrs. Jannie Williams. Anyone knowing her whereabouts, please communicate with Mrs. Mary Coleman, Route 1, Box 145, Sturgis, Miss. The father's and mother's names were Jerry and Martha Thomas.

To my friends who would like to write me, my address this year is 706 N. W. 12th St., Ft. Worth, Tex.—R. A. Fielden.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from Soddy, Tenn. to Granville, Tenn.—D. A. Hensley.

To the ministers and laity of the Bluefield, Va. district: This is to notify you that we will have a general get-together meeting at the Dunfordtown church on Sunday, Jan. 7, 1940. In this we want to outline our work in general for the year. We ask all ministers on the district to call off their regular appointments for the day and be present. All Y. P. E. and Sunday School officials, please be present as we expect to have Brother A. W. Brummett, state Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent, with us and he will be expected to help us outline the Y. P. E. and Sunday School work. We invite Brother Johnson, our state overseer, to be with us if possible.

On the second Sunday in January we will have a general singing convention at our new church in Abbs Valley, on the road between Bishop and Pocahontas, Va. Everybody is invited. We are expecting many singers from the different denominations and they will receive a hearty welcome. Come on, singers, and let's give this day to singing His praises.

Please pray for the revival now in progress at the Abbs Valley church, conducted by Brother B. O. Graybeal, evangelist, and Brother Leonard, singer.—A. J. Cox, district pastor, Seaboard, Va.

Church consolidation has caused a large brick church, costing a number of thousands, with a seating capacity of 700, in a near-by town to be left vacant. The Holy Ghost has never been preached there. We have application to lease this church with the privilege to buy same. The board is to give us a hearing in a few days. This is a great opportunity for the Church of God. Pray that God will talk to the Board and cause them to lease this to us at a price we can handle it at.—Leslie H. Orrick, 411 E. Highland Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

# For Those Who Have the Rule Over Us in the Lord

BY E. A. ARMSTRONG

Somehow I have been thinking about how hard it is to get people to accept the true Word of God. Don't you think it depends a lot on how the Word is preached? You know it is sometimes good to tell about our past life; it helps people to see the way God works in one's life, but do you think it is good to talk night after night about the same things? that being about yourself, how you gave up this or that, just like you were doing God a big favor to give up a few things in this old world. Dear ones, don't you know God called you to be fishers of men and not to get behind the sacred desk and tell how good you are, and how much you pray, how much you do this and that, when there are hungry souls to be fed?

O God, help the preachers to preach the Word of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He said, "I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding," Jer. 3:15. This is where the Lord was talking to backsliding Israel. This also goes for us today. He did not say He would feed us with foolish words. How can we learn without teachers? People go to church to hear the Word of God, not to hear a lot of foolish talk that is doing souls no good.

Preachers are wasting too much of God's time doing foolish things, such as picking up chairs and what-nots and throwing them around in the pulpit, also they will ask the people to be careful with the new song books, not to tear the pages, then while they are preaching pick up a song book and throw it into the congregation, scaring the unbelievers, sometimes out of the church, not to come back again, and having the other people in laughter instead of tears. You know in these last days it takes more than laughter to bring the unbelievers to the altar. They have become so gospel-hardened they need something to soften their hearts. They will not be led to the altar thinking of something funny the preacher said, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death," 2 Cor. 7:10. "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses," 2 Cor. 6:3, 4. Also in the 10th verse, "As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." There are so many idle words being used in the pulpits today it takes the hungry soul's

mind off the Word of God. You say, "We will have to bring that in to hold the people's interest." Did Jesus bring in foolish words when He was preaching? "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment," Matt. 12:36.

During a revival one Sunday morning the missionary was preaching about tithes. True there were quite a few of us at that time who were not paying tithes. The pastor was in the back of the church and as one special point was brought out the preacher cried out, "Now get this, you old stingy pots." O God, help the shepherd to have more love for his flock. There are too many of the great "I's" in the pulpit now, always telling what "I DO," not what God does, trying to take all the credit.

Dear ones, stop and look at yourself; see if you are doing God's plan in running the Church, or are you running it your way? The Word tells us to honor the Spirit, but so many are not doing it. It is the pastor's place to teach his flock right from wrong.

But now when the Holy Spirit is trying to bring forth a message the people are trying to knock over the benches and see who can shout the loudest. I love to shout and believe in shouting, but the Word tells us to use wisdom and judgment in ALL things.

Don't you think it's the pastor's place to teach them to honor the Spirit? to be quiet when the Lord is trying to send forth a message through some soul? But the preacher will call those who make the most fuss a good old war horse. Come now, all you good old holiness preachers, why not resolve to make this year a big and better year for the Lord? Cut down on the foolishness and idle words. There are souls to be saved, souls who are hungry for the love of Jesus and the true Word of God. So many ask, "Where are the manifestations of the Holy Spirit? Where are the signs that follow?" Shepherds, put your flock in their places, teach them to obey God in all things, giving thanks in all things, to honor the Holy Spirit so Jesus can work. O God, help each one of us to work with our pastor and each one to put his shoulder to the wheel and help to put this work over together for the Lord, not for what we get out of this old world's goods. Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

I hope this little message will help

someone to open his eyes and see if he is within God's will. I do hope it will be a blessing to someone. God bless all of our leaders.

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THIS?

BY CARRIE M. BAKER

*"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me,"* Matt. 25:36.

To carry out the third part of the above quotation is much more difficult than the other two phrases of that command. You see and hear of many who visit the sick regularly and when there is distress there is seldom delay in supplying the needs of the applicants. Just what part are you taking in visiting the jails and prisons nearest you? Do you help regularly? How often, may I ask, do you write and visit that member of your family who is "paying the price"? Please forget to be ashamed your loved one is in prison for almost every family has or has had at some time or another one or more of its members in prison. You can say this much for a person who has paid his debt to society, their conscience is void of offense toward man and if they will place their confidence in God and walk with Him, they have a mighty good start toward an active Christian life.

At the beginning of this new year will be an excellent time to start your missionary work among the jails and prison camps nearest you. In these camps you are going to find men and women, some who have many, many years as their sentence, who have not heard about the blessed Holy Ghost. How are they going to hear about this wonderful gospel lest you go tell them? You must go to them, they can not come to you. Don't let their blood be required at your hands. Once you attend jail services you are very apt to go again. God's approval is on this work. It is prospering. You may be like Moses, and need an Aaron, but God knows your need. He will supply you with preachers and singers. The thing to do is go. The Holy Ghost will lead. Make it a point to write as many of the prisoners you know as you possibly can. Let them know you have not forgotten them. They appreciate your prayers and thoughtfulness a great deal more than a man at liberty. Send them the Evangel or Lighted Pathway. My great desire is to know that the Evangel is being sent into every prison camp in Texas.

Endeavor to have regular services, learn to know and love these hapless mortals who really are nice to have as "friends." They can be touched. Pray about this and I plead with you, "visit those in prison." May the grace of God abide in your hearts and lives. Pray earnestly for me that I may be ready at His coming!



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### Those Fighting Finns

THE whole world has been made to wonder at the wonderful resistance that has been put up in the defence of the little country of Finland. There seems to be an undaunted courage that will not take backwater, a spirit to defend all that is right and all that is sacred, not only by way of land and of homes but of principles and doctrines that have been embraced for years, yes, and for centuries. But what is it that is causing Finland to put up such a terrible resistance? People would like to know the answer.

First of all, the citizens of Finland feel that they are fighting a battle of right against wrong, that they are fighting the battle of God against anti-God and of Christ against Anti-christ, that if they shall lose their country will be invaded by the infidel and their homes will be destroyed and their citizenship mutilated. Perhaps another reason for the undaunted courage of the Finns is the fact that they are fighting on their own soil. They are not aggressors; they are not a people of greed. They are putting up only a defensive fight. Braced by these facts, they stand almost immovable.

The true soldier of the cross should take a lesson from the Finns. His fight should be a defensive fight, a fight against the powers of the enemy that are continually coming against the children of God, a fight against infidel beliefs and doctrines that are continually permeating the country, a fight against the anti-God influence that is continually trying to undermine the very foundation of our country. Then again, the soldier of the cross may be able to wage as great a warfare spiritually as Finland is from a natural standpoint, if and when he fights on his own territory. The child of God gets into trouble when he gets on the territory of the enemy, but when he is on his own territory, that territory that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ, that territory which has been willed to him by the greatest of testators, then it is that he as a soldier of

the cross can put up a fight that will shake the very forces of hell. Let the child of God take a lesson of courage from the fighting Finns.

### A B C

IT seems that A B C's are very important in any phase of life and especially in the beginning of that particular phase in which we ourselves are to be engaged. It is true, however, that many times the B gets in front of the A, or that which should be A is made B, and that which should be C is made A.

We have wondered recently just how it was with the ministry. One of the things which seems to be almost indispensable with the ministry in these days is that of transportation—automobiles, automobiles and more automobiles. If a preacher has a new automobile every two years he is able to transport his message across the country with rapid pace. But, is there anything more important in the ministry than transportation?

We think that the B should be A in this position for the one thing indispensable with preachers is books. The most important Book, of course, is the Bible. It is that Book which contains his message. But the man who thinks that the Bible is all the book he needs is wrong. A minister needs other books. He may know some of the English language but he doesn't know it all. He needs a dictionary. He may know how to find some scriptures but he doesn't know where to find all of them. He needs a good concordance. There are so many other things that the minister of God needs by way of books because it is by the use of books that he gets his message. He must have inspiration from above to deliver it but he must get it from the Book and he must have books to help him extract that from the Book that which he needs to tell the people. A fast automobile is worth nothing to get a fellow to a place unless he has something to say when he gets there.

1940 should be a book-year for the Church of God ministry, a year that will produce a more literate, educated ministry that will be able to intelligently carry the Word of God farther and to press it more deeply than ever before. Hungry hearts in the individual churches are looking up with spiritual mouths wide open to receive the Word of God, that spiritual food that they must have in order to be able to have spiritual strength to be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil. Let us make preparation for the ministry ahead of carrying the message so that once we are there we will know what to say.

The C of preacher A B C's may be the collection, but the true child of God has found out, or may I say the true serv-

ant of God, that once he has a real message to carry and has the means of carrying it, takes it and is able to produce when he arrives, and the collection is the part that will take care of itself. The method of education for carrying the Word of God belongs to us. God does His part when He calls us into His ministry. He will do His part in providing for us if He has called us and we obey that call. It is for us to prepare ourselves for the task in such a manner that God can get glory and honor out of our lives as ministers, that we can show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing His Truth.

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### Card of Thanks

*We wish to take this means on the part of the Church of God Publishing House and all of its employees to thank those out on the field who so graciously remembered us during this Christmas time with your beautiful cards, Christmas and New Year's greetings. We thank you for the confidence that you have manifested in us in the past. We thank you for that renewed confidence that you seem to have placed in us at the present. We thank you for that confidence that we intend to justify in the future. It is the determination of the employees of this, your Publishing House, to give you better service in the year 1940 than you have ever had before.*

# The Perry - Scope

BY EVANGELIST SAM C. PERRY

## Temptations and Trials

Temptations and trials are ever the lot of God's people. Jesus our Savior was tempted in all points as we are. The apostles were tempted and tried and went through great difficulties and persecutions. And so were the experiences of the early Church, and indeed God's saints in all ages have had the same. We are no better in this respect than those of other times, and we may expect to have our share.

Satan tempts the people of God from every possible angle. Through ordinary means and through things that are extraordinary and through ways and by means least expected he seeks to trouble, discomfort and overthrow them.

1. Satan will challenge our faith and seek to discount everything that God has done for us. Some who are greatly blessed and enjoy positive and definite experiences of grace, Satan succeeds in making to doubt. Those born of the Spirit he often makes to doubt and lose out entirely. And many who have blessed experiences of the cleansing blood of Jesus become doubters because of his activities. The abiding presence of the Spirit, healing of the body and many other Christian experiences are weakened or lost through Satan's attacks. Those who weaken in faith and begin to doubt soon go down, and this Satan knows full well. What true saint of God does not meet his vicious attacks, as he tempts them from day to day in his bitter warfare against God and His people?

2. Some of the means used by Satan in tempting God's people are the world and what it has to offer. Nothing is more natural than for men to walk after the ways of the world.

The apostle John classified what was "in the world" as "the lust of the eye, and the pride of life." 1 John 2:16. When men are truly saved they are delivered from all of these. But the enemy makes them so attractive that the Christian finds himself in a constant battle to keep from going back into them. Look how Satan tempts preachers, Christian workers, and ordinary Christians with money, love of praise (pride), position, the opposite sex, etc., and see how many yield to his temptation and fall. This world affords a terrible pitfall for every man or woman who will walk in its ways. Satan is called "the god of this world," and he is certainly manipulating it well to his advantage in these days. We read of men and women *falling into sin*. Many have yielded to Satan's temptations and *are fallen*, yet stand high, and walk well

with men, but nevertheless *they are fallen*, and are very low in God's sight. Men who are immoral, covetous, proud, and highminded are fallen, no matter where they are, or what else may surround them. "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

3. Satan tempts and tries the people of God by many things that come between themselves. In their dealings and relations with each other many things come up that Satan uses to stumble, discourage, or divide the people of God. You sometimes hear it said that "Satan got in and scattered the flock." At such times a Christian may be tempted to feel, say, or do, what would grieve the Spirit, and if kept up long enough would be his own ruin. Such temptations are very subtle and sometimes cause great harm among very good Christians. Again let us exhort "yield not to temptation." Learn the secret of keeping patient and sweet under all circumstances. Jesus can save you all the time and everywhere, and keep you through every kind of temptation.

4. You will be tempted on the line of your experience. Others, the enemy will tell you, are ahead of you, and have made greater progress, have accomplished more, etc. But remember we are serving Jesus and He does not measure us by others in any respect, but He wills a life of victory for us, and the way He would have each one live, and the things He would have each one do are different, as we are different in personality. You are to be faithful in your little corner, fill it full of service, and it is my business to fill my little corner.

Do you think you will ever get beyond temptation, or where you will not be tempted? But remember that wonderful promise:

"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it," 1 Cor. 10:13.

## The Peace of Jesus

1. Jesus is Himself our peace. In His death on the cross He became our peace and brought us peace. Eph. 2:14.

2. Jesus gives His peace unto His followers. "My peace I give unto you," John 14:27.

3. We have peace with and from God. Rom. 5:1; Phil. 1:2.

4. This peace to be enjoyed always. "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means." 2 Thess. 3:16.

## The Christian's Secret

Gipsy Smith gave the following illustration: He said, "Thirty years ago I went to a certain place because my father and stepmother were holding a mission, and we went for a walk on the sands. Some picnickers had left an empty ginger-beer bottle. My father filled it with sea water, rammed in the cork and with his strong arm flung the bottle as far out in the sea as he could. Then he turned to me and said, 'There Rodney, the sea's in the bottle and the bottle's in the sea! That is how I live the Christian life. Jesus is in me and I am in Jesus.' There is the *secret*. You need not struggle to be good. You will be good when you let Jesus come in."

## Mixed Drinks

It is said that the chemical analysis of the liquors used by the people in this country shows that they drink alcohol, arsenic, alum, aloe, bitter almonds, blood, chalk, cherry-laurel waters, cocculus-indicus, copperas, gypsum, henbane, isinglass, lime, lead, logwood, nux vomica, opium, oil of vitriol, oil of juniper, oil of turpentine, tobacco, sugar of lead, resin, etc.

## The Colored Brother's Prayer

After the Presiding Elder had preached a brother was called on to pray. He prayed on this manner: "O Lord, gib him de eye ob de eagle dat he spy out sin afar off. Glue his hand to the gospel plow. Tie his tongue to de line ob truf. Nail his ear to de gospel pole. Bow his head way down 'tween his knees, and his knees way down in some lonesome, dark, and narrer valley, where prayer is much wanted to be made. 'Noint him wid the kerosene oil ob salvation and sot him on fire."

## Why Not Get a Good Sample?

It tickles me to see an old sinner come in and pull out an old lame and dwarfed member of the church, lay down and measure by him, and say, "Look here, boys, I am as long, as broad, and as good as this member of the church!" Why don't you go and pick out one of those grand old Christians? Because you would look like a rat terrier lying by an elephant.—Sam P. Jones.

"If the vision of the cross has become dim in our day, is it not because our day and generation have somehow a feeble and superficial view of sin? The cross of Christ reveals God's uncompromising attitude towards sin, that it is more than ignorance or the absence of good. And there did our sinless Representative prove His willingness to be "made sin for us."

If some people could be what they are not, they would be fine folk.



### Sunday, January 7

"Let us worship."

Read Psa. 95:6, 7.

It has been said that weeping and laughter are safety valves to the nervous system, that in conditions of extreme sorrow and grief that relief was necessary and could only be had by weeping, while in the ecstatic moments of extreme joy one must have a relief that can be had through laughter. A relief to the soul of man, and a genuine relief, is found in the true worship of his Maker. We owe to Him worship, first, because He is our God, and second, because we are the sheep of His pasture.

### Monday, January 8

"I shall not die."

Read Psa. 118:17.

There is a great consolation produced by the vision seen only by the eye of faith. A man under the sun can only see death. That is the extent of his vision. Under the sun the dead know nothing at all but the man of God has a faith that penetrates the veils of death and sees beyond the sun into a realm of eternal light and bliss where there shall be life, and eternal life.

### Tuesday, January 9

"He satisfieth."

Read Psa. 107:8, 9.

My daughter with the two grandchildren had come to visit us for a couple of weeks. The oldest little girl, about two years of age, plump and round, got out of bed every morning as soon as I was up. She came into the kitchen where I prepared my lunch before coming to work. About the first thing she would say was, "Grandpa, I'm hungry." I don't remember that I ever saw her when she was not hungry. It was not because she was starved, not because she was undernourished because she was as fat as a little one could be, but it was because she had a continual desire, longing, and appetite for something to eat. Needless to say, grandpa got it for her. And so it is with our Master, He satisfies the longing soul.

### Wednesday, January 10

"Much fruit."

Read St. John 15:1-5.

Few are the men who can read the Greek manuscript from which our Bible was taken. Hundreds of men who can read the Word of God as it is today do not understand it and there are hundreds who cannot even read, but it does not take education or learning to read the lives of those who have given their hearts to God and are showing by their lives that there has been a complete change in them. By their fruits ye shall know them and the Father is glorified by the much fruit that is borne in the lives of the individual Christians.

### Thursday, January 11

"Watch therefore."

Read Matt. 25:1-13.

McCheyne, the Scotch preacher, once said to some friends, "Do you think Christ will come tonight?" One after another they said, "I think not." When all had given this answer he solemnly repeated this text, "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." This fact is certainly borne out in the parable of the virgins, hence the text, "Watch therefore for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

### Friday, January 12

"Preach the Gospel."

Read Mark 16:15, 16.

In an Oriental potter shop an old potter was shaping a lump of clay into the desired pattern by his own hands, when he was suddenly asked by a visitor, "Why don't you have machinery to do that work?" The old man replied, "We have tried all kinds of machinery and failed. Somehow it needs the human touch." That is just exactly how it is with the work that God has to be done upon the earth. All kinds of machinery have been invented for most everything else but the work of God in His ministry to men just needs the human touch.

### Saturday, January 12

"Do these things."

Read 2 Peter 1:5-10.

The wife of a man who had left the church and joined a fraternal order, was asked why he was no longer a church member. She replied, "Well sir, they never gave my husband anything to do at the church, but as soon as he joined the lodge they put a helmet on his head and a sword in his hand and made him keeper of the royal and ancient arch, and he is

there every night." There is always something to do in the Church of God. There is a job for every man and every woman.

## Question Box

**Questions:** Was John the Baptist Elijah as stated in Matt. 11:7-15; 17:12, 13? If John the Baptist was Elijah, then was the crucifixion the dreadful day of the Lord? Why did John say he was not Elijah in John 1:21? If John the Baptist was not Elijah, then when will Elijah return to earth and when will the dreadful day of the Lord be as mentioned in Mal. 4:5? Who are the two witnesses spoken of in the seventh chapter of Revelation? Please give chapter and verse in all answers.—Mrs. L. A. O.

I think that you have given plenty of scriptures to answer your own questions. The first two scriptures show very plainly that John the Baptist was Elias or Elijah had the people received him as such. It was a common belief that Elijah would come and restore all things and prepare the way of the Messiah. John came as he or with the spirit of Elijah but they did not receive him as the one who was to prepare the way, and so it was that John the Baptist could say as he did in John 1:21, "I am not."

The great and dreadful day of the Lord as recorded in Mal. 4:5 is none other than the great tribulation that is to be poured out upon the people. Just who the two witnesses are is disputed but all Bible scholars agree that one of them is Elijah. He comes before the great and terrible day of the Lord as it is during the second woe that he prophesies. There are five more woes to follow. This time of the woes of God upon the earth is called the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

**Question:** Is the scripture in Luke 16:19-31 concerning the rich man and Lazarus a parable?—R. G. T.

**Answer:** This is a question upon which many preachers differ. It is the personal opinion of the Editor of the Question Box that it is a parable. However, it makes no difference whether or not it is a parable as the truth taught is the same and is just as strong one way as the other.



# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## Each Need Is Your Opportunity

IT has been some little time since I have written to the papers, not that I have had nothing to write, but because one's time is so drawn to the attention of the work here. When there is a little time to relax, our body feels the effects of this climate so that there is a natural tendency to neglect to keep up our correspondence.

I shall not endeavor to relate all that has happened since I last wrote, but will give you a few highlights of the great things God is doing here in India. He has given us an assembly with twenty-one members and a church building. This work was standing independent and built a nice church building while they were independent. When they came into the Church of God, they deeded the property to the Church of God. We also have another new station but no building yet, but we are praying for one there, as the people are suffering much persecution and hardships, and really need a permanent place to worship.

We are getting along so much better now that we have Brother Cook's T-Model Ford to use while they are on furlough. The Ford makes it possible for us to go to our different stations and to new places, as well. We thank God for this blessing.

We have just closed our annual convention in the Tamil field, with great victory. We were blessed to have Brother and Sister Livesey of the British Assemblies of God with us. Brother Livesey's very inspiring messages were enjoyed by everyone. Waves of glory and blessings came at numerous times. There was a much larger attendance this year than last, and I don't know where we will put the people next year, as the present building, or pundal, was not sufficient for the people this year. Saints of God, this place surely needs a church building. The Tamil district is a large and open field. The convention is held at the Madura mission. Madura, quite a large city, is called "The City of Temples," and the largest temple in South India is there. My, how my heart did ache as I saw all the heathen gods and worship! There is a place where the Hindus burn the bodies of the dead about one mile from our pundal there. To hear the wailing of the bereaved is simply horrifying. One night I heard long, wailing screams, as of terrible agony of many people. I could

not sleep and inquired what it was. It was all women praying to their god for help. If you could understand the condition of how the women are treated, you would certainly cry out to God for grace to save them and bring them to real Christianity. To bring these Hindus to Christ we must have *the* means. That is, someone must tell them, someone must pray with them, someone must teach them the teachings of Christ. Do you not want to share this opportunity with a sure promise of reward?

From this convention I went to Madras, the third largest city in India, and conducted a convention there. The Lord gave several souls, among them one young woman, a teacher and college graduate, who was turned out of her home for taking the step she did. Later she has been allowed to return to her home, but with strict orders that she is not to attend Pentecostal meetings. Though she is suffering much persecution, her faith remains firm and steadfast, and she is coming to worship secretly. Also among the number of saved in those meetings was an engineer on a freight train, or as they say here, "a goods train driver." He told me he did not know anything about the Bible, not even what kind of a book it is, though he was well educated in English! Since returning home, I have had a very good letter from him telling of his great joy and victory, and of the special blessing he received in taking the Lord's

Supper for the first time in his life. He is earnestly seeking for the Holy Ghost, and his letter was filled with praise. He asked for helps in his study of the Bible, as he is very eager to learn it well. When they come out of Hinduism they know nothing of the Precious Book, and require great teaching, for the devil can easily cause them to err ignorantly, but bless their dear hearts, the Spirit helps them, strengthens them against persecution, and guides them right, but the help, teaching, and encouragements of other Christians, especially the missionaries, are greatly appreciated. In addition to teaching they need a place of worship. Oh, there are many needs and we are glad you good people at home are giving to supply these needs. Each need is your opportunity; do not let a single, tiny one slip by. Have you been praying to help save the lost? Every cent you give for the mission cause is making it possible for new people to hear the gospel and be saved.

We are happy in the Master's service here. Do continue to pray for us.—Your brother and coworker for Him, Hoyle L. Case.

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

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*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*  
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*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The front page of the December 21 issue of the Charlotte NEWS and OBSERVER carries the following very apt quotation: "No room in Hotel Bethlehem for Him, but it's different today. The world has learned He's the best paying guest and that if it wasn't for Him there'd be no business." That reflects the attitude of "Christian America" toward the natal day of the World's Redeemer.

President Roosevelt delivered his annual Christmas address to the people of this country. The opening paragraph follows: "The old year draws to a close. It began with dread of evil things to come and it ends with the horror of another war adding its toll of anguish to a world already bowed under the burden of suffering laid upon it by man's inhumanity to man." Well spoken, Mr. President. He might have gone farther and added that we enter upon the new year with the same fear and trepidation. No hope in sight for those who claim citizenship only in this world. However, the darker the hour the greater the rejoicing of those whose citizenship is in that heavenly country. The Lord Jesus knew of the coming of this day and He termed it as being "upon the earth distress of nations . . . men's hearts failing them for fear . . ."

Our government has seen fit to appoint an unofficial ambassador to Vatican City. We are to be represented at the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Myron C. Taylor will go there as the personal representative of the President. Why send an ambassador to represent us at the purely spiritual headquarters of the Catholic Church? Is it purely spiritual? Let America be careful lest she be found flirting with the great whore who sitteth upon seven hills. This country and its people have stood like a flint for absolute separation of Church and State. May we not in this late day throw over that time-honored doctrine. However, strange and curious things are happening and will continue to happen.

The Saturday Evening Post carries a short note from Washington, D. C. Its information is very interesting: "The American Humane Society estimates that

there are not fewer than 330,000 American families who wander almost continuously from region to region without fixed addresses." Daniel saw that coming. In speaking of this day Daniel said that "many should run to and fro." There it is. Home life is surely fading from the scene in America as well as the rest of the world.

Germany's attitude toward Christmas can be summed up by the following quotation from TIME: "The Christmas celebration in Germanic lands is NOT AN INVENTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH but of our forefathers (German). The day of the winter solstice was holy to our ancestors and the period around the winter solstice was filled with the fairyland magic of the nordic soul. . . . For us, therefore, even the Christian Christmas remains a festival of Germanic love, Germanic ways and Germanic benevolence." Excepting godless zealots in the Soviet Union, the Nazis were unique in their redoubled efforts to de-Christianize Christmas. Party organizations announced that they would ignore December 25, observe instead the solstice on December 22. In other words, Germany is saying that while they can't stop Christmas from coming, they will see to it that Christ is not honored. Rather, they will honor Hitler. A worship of Hitler and his ideology has uprooted and usurped the worship of God to a very large extent. What does all this mean? The spirit of Antichrist is on the march.

The following news item from Philadelphia is enlightening: "A young mother accused of killing her 20-month-old son and cutting up his body was guarded in a cell tonight as detectives tried to learn whether she had other children. Mrs. Tillie Irelan, slender 35-year-old governess and maid, gave the police no assistance. 'She simply smirks when we question her,' said a detective. Mrs. Irelan told another officer that she smothered her son, hid his body for two days in a boarding house closet, then cut it up with a saw she bought at a ten cent store." This is not an isolated case. Many times in late years we have read of parents killing their children because they interfered with their good times. What is the reason? Paul saw

these things coming and declared that the people would be "without natural affection." It is surely a natural affection for parents to love their children.

A radio broadcast from Germany the other day told of a man being sentenced to fifteen months in jail for listening to a foreign broadcast. They dare not listen, over there, to the voice of another nation. They might learn the truth. Neither can they buy nor sell there without a certain card or number given by the government. It is just another leaf from the fig tree.

In an article entitled MILLIONS OF BACKSLIDERS in the January issue of the Readers Digest we glean some very timely thoughts. "The decline of the church's influence on American life is one of our grave problems. More than half of our population belongs to the church, but no Protestant denomination dares claim that more than a third of its membership attends any given service except on Christmas and Easter. (THE CHURCH OF GOD CAN MAKE THAT CLAIM AND PROVE IT.) And it is estimated that rural churches are dying at the rate of 1,000 per year. . . . Another reason why people can't go to church IS THAT THERE IS NO REAL CALLING OF PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE, to bring up to the surface of their everyday lives the noble things that have long been submerged, to be what they really want to be in their better moments. In a recent radio sermon I mentioned SIN. A preacher wrote me and asked why I dealt with such an outworn thing. But I still believe there is such a thing as sin from which people have to be saved." Why is there "no call to repentance?" Why is there no pointing out of SIN? Because, for one reason, it would be silly for a preacher to denounce himself. I invite the eminent preacher who wrote that article to come over in the Church of God and hear her ministry denounce sin and the devil and then to WATCH THEM LIVE WHAT THEY HAVE PREACHED.

"Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand."—Luke 21:29, 30.



## At The Church of God Publishing House



There's the bell! It is now 8:30 a. m. At the sound of the bell every switch is pulled. The employees are leaving their machines, stenographers and clerks are leaving their desks and tables, and all gather into the prayer room for the morning prayer—one-half hour of devotion, from 8:30 until 9:00 o'clock. This custom is one of long standing, having its beginning in 1922 when J. S. Llewellyn became Editor and Publisher for the Church of God. Ever since that time thirty minutes a day has been taken off as a time of prayer that God would bless the people out on the field, heal the sick, save sinners, sanctify believers, and fill them with the Holy Ghost. This time has not been paid for but is time extra. It is utilized for this purpose.

Before the institution of a regular time of prayer at the Publishing House, there was a room in the upper part of the building used for that purpose where at different times people resorted to pray and it was there that one of our employees more than eighteen years ago received the baptism with the Holy Ghost; but not until the latter part of that year, when J. S. Llewellyn became Editor and Publisher, was there a regular established time of prayer when the wheels of machinery were stopped and all of the employees gathered together in earnest devotion.

These saints of God are as earnest in their prayers as they are at their work. Hundreds of requests and handkerchiefs to be prayed over come into the prayer

room, and hundreds of testimonies come back to the Evangel telling of results received from prayers offered during the hour of prayer.

Recently a traveling man stopped at the Publishing House and was there during the hour of prayer. He asked someone what it was all about and when it was explained to him he said, "I never heard of an institution like this before. How fine it would be if all them realized and recognized God in their business!" And so it is that your publishing interests are not only working for you but they are putting prayer with their work. Every day a prayer or prayers go up from the prayer room of the Church of God Publishing House for the Church of God everywhere.

### — — APPRECIATION — —

The General Officials wish to Express Their Appreciation for all Your Christmas Greetings.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer

# Notes of Praise

**VARDAMAN, Miss.**—I am glad to report that I am on victory's side. I am glad I am in the great Church of God. I have been shut in for some time. I sent for the saints and they prayed for me and I was healed. I praise the Lord for it. I have been healed many times. Pray for me.—J. R. Nicholson.

**TALBOTT, Tenn.**—Just a note of praise to let you know I am still on the Lord's side. Bless His name. Also a word to the ones who got saved in the revival at Cedar Hill. My prayer is that you will please go on and get the Holy Ghost. Please pray for our little church at Mount Vale.—Celina Collett.

**OAK GROVE, La.**—I praise my blessed Redeemer for this good salvation that never grows old, for the sweet Holy Ghost that keeps the love bubbling up in my heart every day and for His divine healing power.

I sent a request for prayer for my granddaughter about a month ago, and praise His name her eczema was all healed in two weeks. I did not use anything but prayer. Bless the name of Jesus. Pray for us at Terry, La.—Mrs. Lena McGowen.

**WINFIELD, Ala.**—I take this method of letting my friends and the good brothers and sisters who sent me an anointed cloth for my baby know that God wonderfully healed him of colitis. I thank each and every one who prayed. Thank God for His healing power. I want to trust God. Satan is doing his very best to keep us from trusting God. We have had so much sickness this past year. Pray for us.—Mrs. Marvin McCombs, Rt. 1.

I praise the Lord for what He means to me and my family. I praise Him for the wonderful Holy Ghost who comforts our hearts when we have trials and temptations. I thank the Lord for healing my body, also for healing my baby. Pray for me and my husband to be humble and raise our children for the Lord.—Mrs. Howard Whisman.

**MURPHY, N. C.**—Dear saints, I thank God for what He has done for me. He has blessed me many times. I surely don't want to turn back. I thank God for the Holy Ghost which still abides with me. I want to live for Him. Pray that I will stand true to Him and do His blessed will. Please pray for the healing of my mother's body.—Joyce Johnson.

**WEST POINT, Tenn.**—I praise God for victory in my soul. I have had the Holy Ghost over two years and the way grows sweeter each day. I praise God for His wonderful healing power. He has been our healer almost three years and I find Him a friend to depend on, One who never fails.

Not long ago our little girl was healed of fever. The devil was stirred and threatened us, but we just held on to God. Praise His name. Pray for us to stay humble.—Mrs. Lowell McGee.

## Have Faith in God

I am glad I am serving a living God, One who will answer prayer. I praise Him for His healing power. He said the signs would follow believers and I find it to be true. A short time ago Brother Lee Walton was taken very sick. He was sick about a week. They came for us to help pray for him and when we got there about eleven o'clock that morning he was very low. We went to prayer and God wonderfully blessed. In the afternoon he began to talk and about dark began to ask for something to drink. This was Thursday night and on Sunday night he preached.—Mrs. S. M. Miller, Iron City, Ga.

## He Wonderfully Healed Me

**GREENWOOD, S. C.**—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I was so afflicted in body I had to take medicine all the time to be able to be up, but praise the Lord, one day a still, small voice spoke to me about trusting Him with my body as well as my soul and right then I threw my medicine away and began trusting Him. He has wonderfully healed me. I had low blood pressure, bad nerves and heart, and kidney trouble but now I weigh one hundred and fifty-six pounds. Pray that I will stay true till Jesus comes.—Mrs. Rossie Streetman.

## He Is Everything to Us

I praise the Lord today for victory. I have rheumatism in my knees and a few weeks ago one of them got so bad I couldn't walk without a stick for two days, but God touched me and I am better. I'm trusting God.

Sister J. T. Dehner of Covington, Ky., sent me anointed cloths for my little girl's eyes, for whom I had a request in the Evangel, and I thank the Lord that her eyes are all right. Pray that God will have His way with me.—Mrs. M. M. Milam, Rt. 2, Moultrie, Ga.

## It Pays to Trust the Lord

**TWEEDSIDE, Jam., B. W. I.**—Several weeks ago I was called by Bishop Morris, district pastor, to run a week's revival at Orange Hill, Rock Rose church. One night while the meeting was in progress, a child was brought to us to be prayed for. She had had a dumb spirit for two days. Brother Wright and I laid hands on her and rebuked the dumb spirit in Jesus' name and she immediately spoke. A few days afterward I asked about her and she was still all right.

Later I was led to go home. When I arrived there I was informed that my sister was very ill. I went to see her and she was lying in bed swollen from her feet to her chest and had fever. She said that the doctor had told her to lie very still and that her case was almost hopeless. As I talked to her she began to cry because she had not been able to trust the Lord. I laid my hand on her in Jesus' name and prayed and she was wonderfully healed. Praise the Lord. The swelling left rapidly and in a few days she was able to do her house work. Oh, it pays to trust the Lord.—Richard Henry.

I am giving God the glory for what He is to me. He stands for me when no one else will. We are in dangerous days and I believe Jesus is about ready to come back to this earth; it is no time to backslide. Let's come out and keep a bright and shining light that others can see and come on the Lord's side. Don't you want to be invited to that meeting in the air where we will meet Brother Latimer, Brother Walker, our General Overseer, and all the Church of God elders and saints.

I am glad the Church of God in our islands is still going good and this makes us encouraged to stay on the job. Sometimes things get so perplexing that I want to go some other place but I realize that the harder the battle the sweeter the victory. Some are not willing to stand the test and unless you are determined to go through, hardness, worry, heartaches, and fiery darts will turn you back, but I am determined to stand for Him, by His help and power. We don't know what this war will bring, but we need to be more grounded in the faith of Jesus Christ and keep looking for Him.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

I praise God for what He is to me. Yes, He saved me when I was wandering in sin without a ray of light. His peace thrills my soul with

joy. In 1934 the dear Lord sent Elder C. A. McIntosh to us with this divine truth. He did not compromise but preached the Word in its fullness and I was among those who were called by God and sanctified by the blood of Christ. I praise Him for the Church of God. This is more to me than tongue can tell. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Pray for the little band here at Outlook, also for our dear pastor, A. C. Wright. Pray for me, that when the saints go marching in I may be among the number.—A sister, V. A. Beckford, St. Elizabeth, Jam., B. W. I.

## How Sweet to Trust Jesus

This is little Willie from down on Broad River. Most everybody in that county and other places know of me because of when I was of my father the devil, but, oh thank God, one time a wayworn pilgrim on his way to a land called heaven came through this town and Jesus spoke sweetly to my soul through his ministry. Jesus saved me from a drunkard's hell. Praise the Lord forevermore. I am sick in body but my sanctified soul is happy to know that I am ready to meet my King. I am having severe tests lately but I can read of how old Brother Paul was tested and I can recall when I persecuted the Church. Oh, how sweet it is to have Jesus. I thank God for the faithful pilgrim, Brother Edgar. Now God has sent us another pilgrim, Brother Brewer, and his wife. Thank God for them. Pray for me and my loved ones to be faithful.—W. H. Calamiss, clerk, Lockhart, S. C.

## I Want to Be Ready Whatever It Takes

**UNION, Miss.**—I praise God for full and free salvation, the precious Holy Ghost abides in my soul. I remember how I prayed one day and He led me into the paths of righteousness and now He has led me into the great Church of God. I am determined to go all the way and make heaven my home. I praise God for a few at our church who have proved that they are willing workers by really working. I thank God for our pastor, Brother W. F. Sharp, and his sweet wife. He feeds his flock with inspiring messages from the throne of grace and encourages us to press on. Whatever it takes I want to be ready when Jesus comes. I praise God for a companion who is living for Jesus and for a home with a family altar, also for the many times He has healed in our home. We are trusting Him with both soul and body. Pray for my two little girls to be healed of bad kidney trouble. Pray for Sister Aquilla Bassett to be healed; also pray for us here at Rock Hill to stand true.—Mrs. Wilson Session.

## Seeking the Baptism

**BAYWOOD, La.**—I haven't attended Pentecostal services in about three years but that is my belief and several weeks ago an earnest desire came over me for the precious Holy Ghost. I live about twenty-eight miles from the nearest Pentecostal church and don't live near anyone who is filled with the Spirit, so I have it pretty hard. I first attended a Pentecostal church in Texas. Pray with me that I may receive the blessed Holy Ghost. I also need healing for my body. I have placed my faith in the Lord for these blessings. Pray for my husband who now admits he is lost.—Mrs. James L. Martin.

## Fractured Leg Healed

**McRAE, Ga.**—I fell the first Sunday in November and fractured the bone in my leg. I didn't go to the doctor; I knew God could and would heal it. I lay on my bed two weeks and suffered untold agony. The brothers and sisters came and prayed for me several times, but victory did not come until I met conditions and promised with all my heart that I would obey God. God came on the scene Sunday, Nov. 19, and healed that bone. It isn't sore one bit now. I got up out of my bed and walked about in my room, talking in tongues and praising God. I have

been up ever since helping with the work.

I am still rejoicing in the precious love of Jesus. I was saved four years ago October 12, sanctified four years ago this Wednesday night and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost three years ago in December. I can never praise Him enough for His goodness to me. He healed my broken foot three years ago and healed my side when the doctors wouldn't touch me to operate. Pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Robert V. Swain.

—T—  
**I'm Happy I Found Jesus**

I'm glad to report victory over sin. I am so glad that Jesus picked me up out of sin and saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me faith to trust Him. I am truly glad He can heal. I praise Him for healing my little sister of a severe chest cold. He wonderfully touched her little body. It seems as if she is my own as I have raised her from eight months old. She is now eight years old. Pray for us as we are orphans.—Miss Beatrice Ballard, Route 1, West Point, Tenn.

—T—  
**Sweet to Live For Jesus**

VICKSBURG, Miss.—I am happy to let you know how I enjoy the Evangel. I don't see how I could ever get along without it. I am over a hundred miles from a Church of God. I visited my sister at Hattiesburg; there I heard the good Word of God preached by Brother T. W. Godwin. I joined the church while there this last summer. I am Church of God all over. I think it is sweet to live the life. I need your prayers. Brother R. R. Walker, I am asking you to put me on your prayer list.—Mrs. E. J. Windham.

—T—  
**He Is Wonderful to Me**

ENNIS, Tex.—I thank God for looking down on such a little thing as me, saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost and then adding me to the great Church of God. He is so wonderful.

I thank God for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I would enjoy hearing from some of you Holy-Ghost-filled young people.—Miss Minnie Alford.

—T—  
COLUMBUS, Ga.—I really thank God for the Church of God Evangel. I read it every week and it is a blessing to me. It encourages me more to press on as I read the good sermons and testimonies. I also thank God for our pastor, W. H. Black, and his wife; they are a blessing to our church and to each member.—Mrs. Raymond Hitchcock.

—T—  
KEW TURK ISLAND, B. W. I.—I praise God for victory over sin and the devil. Thank God, I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and I am determined to make heaven my home some day. I am still carrying this wonderful message to lost souls. Pray for me; I want to go through and win souls for Christ and the Church of God whatever the cost may be.—Mary Ann Arthur.

—T—  
EUSTIS, Fla.—I thank everyone who sent up prayer for me. I feel much better than I did six months ago. The Lord has touched my body, for which I am so thankful. I also thank everyone who sent me anointed handkerchiefs. Although I still can't walk, I am trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Keep praying for me.—Mrs. S. L. Hayes.

—T—  
DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala.—I thank the Lord for His mercy and love for me, also His keeping power. Although the enemy has done his best to defeat me I am still fighting the good fight for Him and I know I will win for He has never lost a battle.

As I was lying in bed one night it seemed like someone said, "Now is the time to have meeting and now is the time to preach." I had about quit preaching and He showed me that now was

the time to work for Him. I am glad of the Holy Ghost and the leading of the Lord. I ask an interest in the prayers of the brothers and sisters.—Noah Averton.

—T—  
**God Answers Our Prayers**

COLLEGE PARK, Ga.—I am proud of our Christian home because we can serve God in unity. Just a few nights ago our baby daughter, five months old, was taken ill, screaming until she would choke. She would look into my face as if to say, Please pray. Yes, we prayed and she was instantly healed, slept all night without waking and has been in good health ever since. We use the Evangel in our healing services and thank God for good old time holiness saints who can pray until the heavens open up and God answers our prayers. I am so glad because husband and I have the grand blessing of God and belong to the Church of God. May the Lord bless His children.—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Byrum.

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**God Answers the Faithful Prayer**

MILAN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I have no desire for the world and what it has to offer. I am laying my treasures in a home above. Praise God for His healing power. I have two children and I trust the Lord for my body and theirs. I have had some awful trials but the way gets sweeter all the time.

About three weeks ago my baby had an awful stomach trouble. We had prayer; she got no better. One day while I was alone with her I laid the Evangel on her body and God came to my rescue and healed her. Bless His dear name! The other child has been healed several times. Pray for me and my companion to be faithful until the end.—Lois Best.

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**I Give God All the Praise**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Almost two weeks ago I sent in a request for prayer for a very bad boil on my right hand and for my side which had been very sore, also that I would perfectly obey the Lord. God wonderfully undertook for my hand. Some said I would probably have to go to a doctor and have it lanced, but the Lord touched it and it is almost well. Although I I never saw my request in the Evangel God's Word says, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," Isa. 65:24. The saints here and at other places prayed, and I give God all the praise.—Sister H. F. Beauchamp.

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**Have Now Experienced Divine Healing**

MAGEE, Miss.—Praise God for His healing power. I had heard others speak of the Lord healing them, but had never had the experience. Nov. 6 I took measles. My back and head hurt me so badly until I could hardly stand it. Mother and daddy prayed for me, laying the Evangel on my head. When we finished praying I was easy and went to sleep; my back hasn't hurt since. It is wonderful to have a Savior like we have. I praise Him for healing me. You praying people pray for me. I am only thirteen years old, but I know I have my place to fill and I want to always be found working for the Lord. Pray for the other young people at Shady Grove.—Pauline Amason.

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**Touched by the Lord**

LENOIR, N. C.—I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also for His healing power. My back was injured in a car wreck three years ago. The Lord made it possible for me to attend the Assembly this year. While there Brother Rouse prayed for me and the Lord touched my body. I can walk so much straighter and am gaining my strength every day. Everyone pray for me that I'll ever stay humble and do what the Lord would have me to do.—Mrs. A. B. Carter.

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**Live the Life, Trust Him**

MT. PLEASANT, Tenn.—I am so glad to re-

port victory in my soul. I have a great determination to go through with Jesus. Praise God for His healing power. A few nights ago my little boy took sick with an aching tooth, suffering all night. He went to the dentist the next day and had the tooth pulled but still suffered. He cried the next night until 2:00 a. m. I prayed all night and held on to God but he continued to suffer. At 2:00 o'clock he said, "Mother, something's got to take place; I cannot stand this any longer." I began talking to the Lord. It seemed as if a voice said, "Why don't you lay the Evangel on him in my name?" I laid the Evangel on his jaw in the name of Jesus and he fell asleep at once, rested the rest of the night and hasn't had any pain since. God will heal if we trust Him.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 1.

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**Blessed by Reading Church of God Literature**

"Give attendance to reading," 1 Tim 4:13. I feel it a privilege and a duty of mine to tell the many blessings I have gotten from the Church of God literature. I believe in the above scripture Paul did not confine one to the Bible only, but there is some good literature that brings blessings to the soul.

I have been a reader of the Church of God Sunday School literature for the past twelve years, a reader of the Evangel for about eight years, and a reader of the Lighted Pathway for two and a half years. I am sure I can't tell what boundless blessings I receive from these holy pages.

Right here let me say that I have enjoyed Brother Latimer's writing in the Sunday School Teacher's Quarterly, also in the Editorials of the Evangel about the happenings which are yet to be fulfilled. I feel that I am bound eternally to the Church of God and waiting for our final redemption. Right here I am asking the prayers of all who read this. No young person who reads this good literature with prayer and good intentions will go wrong in life. Yes, they help me to determine my eternal welfare.

In closing I say thanks to all writers of these wonderful pages. May God ever bless and give them more knowledge and make them feel free to write. They will not know the blessings they are bringing to thousands of souls, but eternity will reveal it. Mother Harrison, we are behind you with our prayers. God bless overseer H. A. Hudson, Elder N. Archer, my mother, and all who helped to get me in this wonderful church. Pray for me that I might be successful and in God's divine will.—L. W. Higgins, Alexandria P. O., St. Ann, Jam., B. W. I.

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MYRTLEWOOD, Ala.—As the dear old year of 1939 came to a close, I paused to give thanks to my Lord that He has been so good to me in permitting me to live these fifty-six years, and has blessed me with a reasonable amount of health and strength, that I am still able to earn my bread by the sweat of my face, that we live in a place where we are free to serve Him according to the dictates of our conscience, and after all, the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.—E. L. Breckenridge.

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JENSEN, Fla.—I thank and praise God for victory over the devil and his power. The devil attacked me with cold, fever, headache and heart trouble but he was defeated by the power of God through prayer. I was very sick last Sunday and went to my appointment and had morning service. In the afternoon I was so sick I could not hold service, so I called the deacon and brethren to pray for me and as soon as I knelt at the altar the power fell and before the brethren prayed God healed me at once. The devil had to flee. It is good to trust the Lord; I've been trusting Him for seventeen years and have taken nothing, neither rubbed anything on, only olive oil. I was able to go out the next morning and until now. Let's trust God and preach more divine healing. Please pray for me; I have a bad pain in my back which I believe is kidney trouble.—Solomon Mackey (colored).



# BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

## Maryland Ministers' Meeting

The Maryland ministers' meeting convened at Baltimore, Md., with Brother R. P. Johnson and our state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan, moderating. Measures were passed upon and good business was transacted. It seemed that all pastors are working accordingly to make this the best year for Maryland. Last night Brother W. J. Milligan visited the church at Crisfield where his visit and wonderful message were enjoyed by all. Robert R. Seyda, Crisfield, Md.

DELBARTON, W. Va.—We, the Church of God here, are glad to say we are getting along fine. We have a good Y. P. E. and Sunday School, also an extra good L. W. W. B. Brother Max Atkins, our state S. S. and Y. P. E. Supt., was with us Dec 13; we were surely glad to have him in our church. Pray for our broadcast. We are doing our part to make the programs a blessing to all.—W. H. Compton, pastor and district overseer.

BOWLING GREEN, Fla.—On arriving here Nov. 12 we found thirty-two loyal members. We organized a L. W. W. B. and Y. P. E. It seems every one has a mind to work for the Lord. We also organized a twenty-seven piece string band. We have our \$1.00 per member quota and state mission quota paid and have ceiled the church; the Y. P. E. plans to furnish the parsonage next week. The Lord is working through the faithful workers. Four have been saved, two sanctified and we are looking for a good revival in the near future. Pray for us.—W. I. Bass, pastor.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools in the Pacific Northwest: We express our appreciation to you young people for your splendid cooperation in the work this past assembly year. We learned to love you very much. I also thank you for the money which was made up by different Y. P. E's to apply on a suit for me. Brother Camp turned this money over to me at the Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention in Auburn last June. I ask forgiveness for not mentioning it at the convention. GOD BLESS YOU PACIFIC NORTHWESTERNERS.—Hilton Vail.

OAK GROVE, La.—Praise God for the wonderful home-coming we had here at Mt. Zion December 10. The Lord surely blessed. Thank God for the big hearts of the people at this place. Brother Clyde C. Cox, our state overseer and a great man of God, was with us and brought a soul-stirring message. A mission offering of over \$30.00 was taken, for which we thank the Lord. We also appreciate our pastor, Brother G. W. Hemphill. Pray for us here.—Mrs. Omie Callum, Rt. 3, Box 107.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. D. Williams. Praise the Lord, the fire is burning here now and God is blessing in a wonderful way. We praise God for it all. We feel we have a real servant of God; he has showed great love and the members and everyone seem to be more interested in the church services. Brother Williams is building a five-room parsonage; he already has one room ready to live in. Pray for us.—Mrs. Dora Moody.

New Bethlehem, Pa. District Convention  
The New Bethlehem, Pa. district convention convened at Ford Cliff, Pa., Dec. 1-3, under the leadership of Brother Paul H. Walker, our esteemed state overseer. The testimonies, special and congregational singing, messages, and prayers were enjoyed by those present. We had our Y. P. E.

program Saturday evening with Sister Bessie Darr, district superintendent, in charge. We felt the presence and approval of God on this convention. There were too many good things said and done to undertake to tell but God blessed from the beginning to the end. We had a good delegation from the churches and had our fine meals at the parsonage of our faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Stern.—Miss Dorothy Smith, clerk.

We are so glad and thankful for the great Church of God and for the way it is moving along. District No. 1, Murray Hill church, was the first to raise its \$1.00 per member. This is a new church just set in order; the people have a mind to work. God is wonderfully blessing them. All right, churches on the rest of the district, let's make this \$1.00 per member by Jan. 1, 1940. May God bless each church and its pastor.—Dewitt C. Sharpe, district overseer, Morgantown, Miss.

CASPER, Wyo.—The Lord is doing great things for us here in Wyoming for which we are glad. God gave us a special call to come here as we were in Corvallis, Ore. We liked the country in Oregon and thought much of our state overseer, but God's call comes first. This is a needy field but God will give the victory, we know.—Brother and Sister S. M. Pearson, 900 N. Grant St.

OPEKISKA, W. Va.—Over a year ago the church at Beechwood moved over to a mining town by the name of National. We have had better meetings there and the Lord has been blessing. Please pray for us. We had some new converts last winter and we wouldn't want to lose them. God still answers prayer.—John F. Brand, clerk, Box 34.

KANSAS CITY, Kans. — The Kansas City Church of God is still going on with God. We have been having some good meetings lately and our good overseer, Brother Wood, has just made us a visit. We enjoyed having him and his good wife with us; they spoke some good, encouraging words. We are all encouraged to press on. Please pray for us, and if any good, loyal Church of God man feels led to come to Kansas City you will find plenty of welcome.—Lewis Hight, clerk, 933 S. Bethany.

STARKVILLE, Miss.—I thank God for our new pastor and his wife, the Y. P. E. services, and the Wednesday night prayer meetings, and how God is still setting His approval on the work. Please pray for the continued success of the work here.—Mrs. Leetha Hudspeth, Rt. 2.

FORK RIDGE, Tenn. — We came to Fork Ridge about the middle of November and we already have our program up, including aged ministers' quota, Evangel subscriptions, state indebtedness quota and five per cent mission quota. All pleasure to work with people when they are will-before the fifth of each month. It is indeed a pleasure to work with people when they are willing to work. We have to get our mail at a Tennessee post office but we are a Kentucky church. We are looking for great things here.

I am also pastor at Fonde, Ky., and so far we are getting along fine over there. We have our aged ministers' fund, Evangel subscriptions, with four or five over the quota, and everything looks good. We are putting on a drive for one hundred per cent loyalty and everyone is measuring up or trying to.

If any of my friends in Alabama see this and

remember me, write me a letter or card. Please pray for our success at these places.—Elmer R. Waller, pastor.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—We thank God for our new pastor and family, Brother and Sister Durance. The Lord is surely working in our church since they came. There is more power, love, and fellowship in the church than there has been in a long time. Two received the Holy Ghost while the revival was on. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. Pray that God will continue to bless our church, pastor and family. Pray for me to stand true.—Mrs. A. B. Chance.

ST. ALBANS, W. Va.—The Lord has blessed us here in Charlotte and Prince Edward Island counties. Some time ago Brother Bagwell started a revival and the Lord blessed so we started a church. Dear Brother J. L. Dorman set it in order with seventeen members. Now we have the church building under way. Pray that the Lord will continue to supply the material with which to build our church.—Lewis Sanders, Rt. 2.

LECKYVILLE, Ky.—The church at Leckville is over the top with the aged ministers' quota, also with our Evangel drive. We have some of the best people at Leckville there is anywhere. God is blessing here and we are going over the top one hundred per cent with every program, by the help of God.—Allen Tomblin, pastor, Goody, Ky.

The Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of Rock Hill district had their rally at Rock Hill, S. C. Dec. 5. There were good singers from every church on the district, with the best of music. The Lord raised a window of heaven and filled the church with power and everyone feasted on manna from above. Our state superintendent and wife were with us and everyone enjoyed the good message he brought. I only hope that other districts will be as loyal as the Rock Hill district. Please pray for us that we may go on with God.—J. B. Thompson.

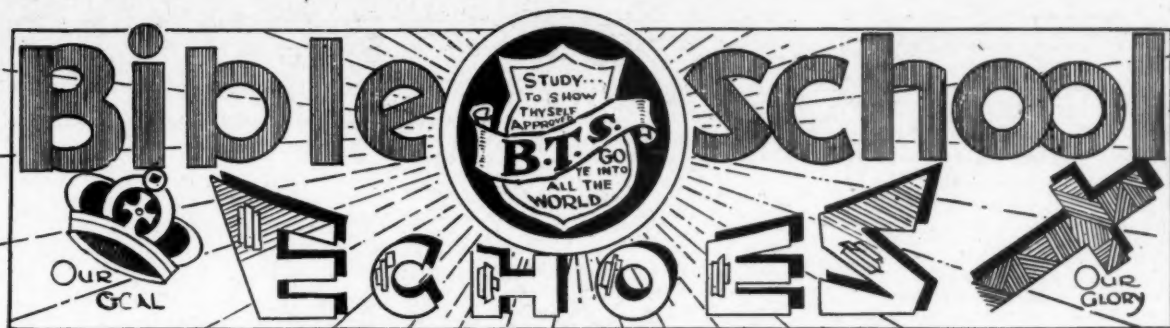
## REVIVALS

CHERRY HILL, Tenn.—Mrs. Stokley Edwards of Newport, Tenn. reports a three weeks' revival at Cherry Hill conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Sifford. There was real old time preaching; three were saved, one reclaimed, one sanctified and the church wonderfully revived. The church is thankful for its new pastor and family and for the way the Lord has been blessing since the Assembly.

KEY WEST, Fla.—We praise God for His goodness to us. Brother E. W. Forney of Canton, Ohio, came Oct. 29 and held a revival. We praise God, and to Him be all the glory for there were twelve saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water and seven added to the church. God gave the victory. Pray for us here at Key West.—Brother and Sister Ford.

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—A wonderful revival closed here Dec. 9 with Brother Joe Porter of Dayton, Tenn., doing the preaching. The church was greatly edified and many souls blessed. Five were reclaimed, four sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Our church here is progressing; every department is growing and greater interest is being manifested.

Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. state superintendent has informed us that we won the state Y. P. E. and Sunday School banners, two more honors, so you see we are working and the Lord is with us. We all love and appreciate our dear pastor and his family, Brother and Sister C. M. Dunn; they have proved a great blessing to us. Pray that God will continue to bless us.—Miss Helen Begley.



(NOTE: Horace McCracken, student from Ellensburg, Washington, is the guest writer of this week's Bible School Echoes, which appears below.—Charles Conn, reporter.)

The week of November 26-December 3 was one which will stand out in the memories of the students longer than the ordinary school week. Possibly the time to begin is Wednesday, with everyone looking forward to Thanksgiving Day, and some of the students leaving for a visit over the week end in the different states. No classes were held Thursday afternoon and in the evening the much-talked-of service was held—a program of entertainment and one of the three or four occasions during the term when the boys and girls are permitted to sit together. Nearly everyone enjoyed this program, but by chapel service the next morning the students seemed to have taken a fresh resolve, and the forty-five-minute service concluded in a prayer meeting which lasted almost till noon.

A good spirit was present, then, at the regular afternoon service, beginning at 1:30, Charles Conn of Georgia had charge of the service and George Brazell led some good singing. Numbers were given by the orchestra and the Burnett Sisters Trio. Helen Crossan of West Virginia was our first speaker, who gave some thoughts on prayer. At this time of renewed spirituality, these well-considered comments were very appropriate and helpful. Following a selection by the B. T. S. Ladies' Quartet, John Adair of Kentucky spoke on some things regarding our present situation, with a few points on prophecy.

The Harmony Boys Quartet was next with a song, and Beatrice Coley of Kentucky then gave a talk on "Readiness," a subject which is never out of place anywhere, describing our need of being ready and how to be ready. Following a number by the Dunn Trio, W. P. Gosnell of South Carolina preached on "Confidence," telling of the evils of self-confidence and showing the need of having confidence in God. Another prayer meeting was begun then, and a little after supper a few of the remaining faithful

students prayed through to glorious victory. As the students left the auditorium, a praise service was carried down the hall and by the time they reached the main floor, half the school was gathered together in a great time of praise, with the power of God greatly present. From here it spread to the dormitories, where the power was once more felt. Surely God was good and many received food for their souls.

Certainly this is a place where young men and women can receive spiritual food, because there is food here to be received. But it is conceivable that a person could starve himself in the very midst of all manner of good things to eat and drink. And to present a fair picture, it must be said regrettably that not all the students are fully satisfied and well fed on the rich things that "God hath prepared for them that love him." The deceiver makes just as great an effort to destroy men's souls here as anywhere else, but of course he varies his tactics somewhat. Nevertheless, the provision has been made for God to win the battle in us, and if we contend for the kingdom, it will not be denied us.

Now, friends, day after day in chapel requests are heard and prayers earnestly sent up to God for unsaved loved ones—daddies, mothers, brothers, sisters; for those enduring affliction and trouble; and for God to pour out His Spirit more fully in various revivals over the land wherever people are praying in His will. May we not have confidence that you are doing the same for us?

#### Praise God for Answering Prayer

I praise the Lord with all my heart for the grand and glorious opportunity of being in the Bible Training School. At last my dream has come true. There has been in my heart a strong desire to attend Bible School ever since I was seven or eight years old. I knew that some day I could attend Bible School and I am thanking God because that time has come. Had not the Lord given me faith and determination to step out on His promises I would not be in school now. Before school started I did not know how the Lord would provide for me to come, but

I knew that He would provide some way and I was determined to trust Him.

After school had started I did not know how I would pay my board and tuition. I only knew that the Lord would make a way, and, glory to God, he is making the way. By the help of God I am determined to have all of my account paid before school is out. I promised the Lord that if He would provide a way for me to come to school I would go out into His work and do something for Him after school is over. That promise still stands true and I am determined to do something for Him after school is out. Although I am not a preacher, neither can I play any kind of instrument, I know the Lord can use me some way. I am God's boy and I intend to work for Him until Jesus comes, so the sooner I start doing something worth while for the Lord the better it will be for me, even though I am just fifteen years old. I know that I can not do anything without God's help, but, praise God forever, I have the glorious Holy Ghost dwelling within my soul. So why can't I put confidence in myself? My greatest desire is to be a soul-winner for Jesus. Dear brothers and sisters, please pray that I will be useful in God's great field of soul-winning.—Your brother in Christ, Paul Shoemaker, High Springs, Fla.

#### Feel Like Going All the Way

AVERA, Miss.—The Lord is still blessing at Avera church though we don't have a pastor at present. We miss Brother E. M. Wright, our former pastor, and his wife very much. They were so faithful to the church.

I feel like going all the way with the Lord. God has blessed my wife, baby and me very much, for which we praise Him.

Please pray that God will send the pastor here we need, that we will be made stronger in faith and do God's will always. Any preacher who feels led to come this way will be welcomed.

Please pray for my mother who is weak in body. Pray that I will overcome the many trials I meet daily and find courage to study my Bible lessons for it seems I just can't be patient and study as I should.—Wilburn Roberts.



Rev. J. A. Lewis of West Farmington, Ohio writes that his daughter, Madelyn, has been very sick since the Assembly, she is in bed, and asks that every one remember her in a special prayer. Brother Lewis is pastor of the church at Warren, Ohio.

#### PRAY FOR:

My mother, Mrs. Melysa Burgess, Epps, La., who has been sick two or three months to be healed. Encouraging letters and anointed cloths will be appreciated.—Mrs. Lucian Noland, Epps, La.

Me and my lost family.—Mrs. Lottie Lierce, Rt. 1, Drew, Miss.

Unspoken request; the church here at Half Acre; the saints to be revived; the unsaved to be saved.—Myrtle Ruth Oliver, Myrtlewood, Ala.

Me that I can go to church more; the Lord to grant my request; my home and loved ones to be saved.—Clara Tarr, Rt. 4, Salisbury, Md.

The healing of my body of arthritis; the healing and complete salvation of our daughter.—Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199, Arcadia, Fla.

Me to be healed of cancer; me to be a soul winner.—Mrs. F. B. Bagel, Letona, Ark.

Me to be healed of flu, a side trouble and heart trouble; my little girl who has the flu; my husband who has just had a bad operation and has flu; us to have more faith.—Rena McClure, Clyde, N. C.

The healing of my sister who has been sick several years.—Mrs. Fannie Childers, Rt. 1, Warrior, Ala.

I am having my teeth pulled. Please pray that the Lord will help me through it all.—Mrs. W. W. Pyron, Marvell, Ark.

The healing of Sister Duke, Sister Turner, Brother Wiley and Mrs. Lee's little baby.—H. L. Kitchen, Kimberly, Ala.

Me to be healed of lung trouble.—Mrs. Joe East, Huntsville, Ala.

Two very urgent unspoken requests; my body to be healed.—Mrs. Lester Johnson, Alma, Ga.

My husband to get close to the Lord and be a full overcomer; me to stand true.—Mrs. Alma Rannels, 823 Poindexter St., Jackson, Miss.

Two unspoken requests; my husband to get interested in God's work; me and my baby to be healed of head trouble; my boy and me to be healed of nervous indigestion.—Mrs. Fred Long, Newry, S. C.

The Lord to provide a place for us close to a church.—Mrs. Gertie Clark, Rt. 3, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

My baby and little girl to be healed of the flu.—C. A. Waddell, Rt. 2, Marks, Miss.

My two boys and husband to be saved; me to get closer to God and be an overcomer; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Chas. Tedder, Riviera, Fla.

My little grandson who has swollen glands in his neck to be healed.—Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Me to be healed of T. B. of the throat. Brother Rouse, please send me an anointed cloth.—Mrs. W. R. Haynes, 21 Front St., Huntsville, Ala.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; the Lord to put it on someone's heart to come to Novice, Tex.—Mrs. Ray Killingsworth, Rt. 1, Box 2½, Novice, Tex.

This place here; those who have backslidden to come back to God; the Lord to send a great revival here.—Wilson Kelly, 2601 Duke St., Alexandria, Va.

My two unsaved brothers to be saved; Massey Line church.—Bill Dollars, Star Rt., Pinson, Ala.

My son to be healed of tonsillitis, flu and a deep cold and be saved; my baby boy to be kept from danger of soul and body; our oldest son and his wife to be saved and healed; my head to be healed.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

My son to get work; my children to be saved.—D. Holland, Maud, Okla.

God to bless and help my mother and lighten her load; me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. B. T. S. students or Y. P. E. members, please write me some encouraging letters.—Miss Margaret Wright, Prattville, Ala.

The Lord to completely heal my side; me to have more faith.—M. F. Robinson, Rt. 1, Steele, Ala.

My husband, brothers and sisters to be saved; one sister to receive the Holy Ghost; my mother and other loved ones to be brought into the Church.—Mrs. Mamie Shipley, 22 Sawyer St., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Me to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved; our home to become a home of prayer.—Mrs. Effie Mott, Dustin, Okla.

The new mission at 1024 Mississippi Ave., Nettie Parks, leader, Sister Weible, evangelist.—Nettie Parks, St. Louis, Mo. Louis, Mo.

Our home; my uncle, me.—Sybil Williams, Rt. 2, c/o S. W. Warix, Union City, Tenn.

The healing of my nerves and stomach. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated, if you feel led.—Miss Libby Owen, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

My father who is seriously ill to be healed; my husband, other loved ones and me.—Mrs. Leetha Hudspeth, Rt. 1, Starkville, Miss.

## NOTES

### From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Brother G. L. Jones, Hazelwood, N. C., writes:

"The Lord is blessing us here. We have built a good, four-room parsonage with bath since coming here last October. We are enjoying it very much. Pray for us."

May God bless you, Brother Jones, and help you in your work there.

From Brother W. J. Milligan, overseer of Maryland:

"Had a one-week revival in Baltimore. Crowded house, altar filled with seekers, four reclaimed, four saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost. Sunday had one hundred and sixty-eight in Sunday School, the attendance a year ago was sixty-four."

May God continue to bless the work in Maryland.

Just received a good letter from Brother H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois, stating that Brother Forester, Urbana, Ill., closed a good revival. Fourteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, seventeen added to the church, and the church in general encouraged.

May God bless the work there.

"Brother Walker, the state that beats me will surely have to go to work. I have already some twenty-odd new Y. P. E.'s and three or four new Sunday Schools. Someone will have to go to work if they beat me getting both of those banners."

May God bless and help you, brother. I am withholding your name to give you a running start.

From another state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, I received this information:

"December 3 was a record-breaker for me. Organized one Sunday School, three Y. P. E.'s, visited three churches, spoke the highest number of hours in one day in my life. Organized a Y. P. E. last night, expect to organize a Y. P. E. tonight. You just as well get ready to give—the banner for we're not playing."

May the dear Lord help you keep this good work going.

My broken leg to be healed; my baby to be healed.—Omie Callum, Oak Grove, La.

Me to be healed of severe liver trouble.—Gertrude Palmer, Nebo, Va.

Our son to be healed of pneumonia. Fast, if led. Will appreciate anointed cloth.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higginbotham, Beaver, W. Va.



### In the Image of Christ

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stant desire to be like Him, transforms the nature, and adds to the features the beauty of holiness.

In the days when convicts were branded with hot irons for their deeds, two brothers convicted of stealing sheep were branded in their foreheads with the letters "ST"—short for sheep thief. One of them decided he could not afford to stay at home and face the shame of his crime, but would seek refuge in a new, strange city, so that no one would ever know his story. But just as one cannot run away from sin, his story followed him wherever he went, and children taunted him by calling him "sheep thief." The other brother resolved to stay at home, live right and make reparations for his wrong. Giving himself to God, he became a devout Christian, and was soon greatly loved in his community. People respected him too much to remind him of his long repented sin, and when he became an old man people had quite forgotten the dark chapter in his life, and when little children inquired concerning the letters "ST" on his forehead, no one seemed to know why they were there, but would reply, "I think they stand for saint." It is certainly true that the beauty of Jesus can be seen in the countenance of the godly, and that it replaces in some degree the traces of sin.

If this be true of the outward appearance, so that the countenance tells the story of blessed redemption, it is all because the countenance is the signboard of

the soul. It would matter little about outward appearance if the inner man experienced none of the transforming, because eventually the outward man must perish. But hear this word of comfort from St. Paul. He had now experienced what Jesus meant when he said, "I will show him what great things he must suffer for my name's sake." His age was telling on him. Hardships, work and privations had made him prematurely old. The fleshly man could not go on for ever, he knew well enough. He knew too that the time of his departure was not far distant. So his are comforting words for every way-worn pilgrim who long has sought to be like Him: "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16.

Do not despair, pilgrim; keep looking into His face and His promises, and believing His Word; the change from glory to greater glory is going on, and the desire to be like Him shall soon be realized.

### Editorially Speaking

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#### Christmas at the Church of God Orphanage

Never were little hearts made happier than were those little hearts at the Church of God Orphanage on Christmas Day. The little notice placed in the Church of God Evangel asking people to remember the orphans when buying Christmas gifts and treats for their own children met with a hearty response. Several churches sent in nice presents, and many individuals sent in presents and money. The or-

phanage fund itself provided some things for the orphans, to make their hearts glad.

On Christmas Eve night, after the service at the church in Cleveland, the General Overseer, the Assistant General Overseer, and the chairman of the Orphanage Committee went to the girls' home to a Christmas tree. My what a wonderful sight! The little girls were sitting all around and up and down the big play room. There under a tree was piled a large pile of gifts. Just what was in all of these packages we cannot tell. The Chairman of the Orphanage Committee made a speech to the little girls and to the older girls, and then he, the General Overseer, and Assistant General Overseer began to call the names that were placed upon the presents. The group leaders of the Church of God Orphanage began handing out the presents as the names were called. Little faces brightened and my! what a wonderful Christmas spirit seemed to prevail in the entire assembly! It was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

The next morning there was another trip to be made, and at 9:30 out at the boys' farm, we found the boys on hand to see what Christmas had brought for them. The General Overseer, the Assistant General Overseer, and again the Chairman of the Orphanage Committee were on hand. They were in the large dining hall where all the presents were piled up around under the base of a large cedar tree, and after all was in readiness, just like a group of well-trained soldiers, the



This Sunday School was organized just before the Assembly with thirty-five in attendance; a new church was also organized here with thirty-three members and many looking toward the church. At the time this picture was made there was something over one hundred scholars; our goal is set for the hundred and fifty mark. We desire your prayers for us here that the Lord will make this a great work.—Rev. Ancel Newton, 1502 Pleasant St., Knoxville, Iowa.

door opened and the orphan boys all came marching in, with each group leader just like a corporal right at the side of his little squad. In just a little while they were all seated and then the routine began pretty much as it had the night before at the girls' home. The General Overseer, the Assistant General Overseer, and the Chairman of the Orphanage Committee picked up the presents and began reading the names. They were passed to the boys by the group leaders,—beautiful little wagons and toys of all descriptions. Some of the little fellows had more than they could carry and had to pile them in their little wagons that had been given them and haul them off. It was certainly a gratifying sight. I feel sure that each of you out on the field would certainly have been repaid for anything you have ever done for the orphans if you could have seen their smiles of appreciation on Monday morning.

Besides what the children received for Christmas, the homes themselves received a wonderful Christmas present in the towels that were sent in. We asked for 300 in the drive. Presumably 500 or more have already come in. Some silverware has come in but not very much. On inquiring I find that at this present time both orphans' homes are badly in need of sheets. I am wondering if we couldn't repeat on this line what we have done concerning towels. It would be nice if we had a nice bedspread for every bed and some sheets sent in immediately. Remember these are all three-quarter beds and eight-quarter sheeting would be the kind to send in. Do you work in a town where the mills make sheeting? Perhaps they would like to donate a bolt or so. Or in a town where they make bedspreads? If so, see your mill authorities and see if they would not like to help in this worthy cause. Don't forget this appeal. It helps greatly when these things are sent directly as were the towels that you have just sent in in response to the call that was made in the Evangel. Don't forget that in response to the call of the orphans you make little hearts glad and little bodies warm.

### Revivals in Progress

We are in the midst of a wonderful revival. Up to date a goodly number have been saved and sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Between twenty and thirty were in the altar Sunday night and four were filled with the Holy Ghost, two saved and one sanctified. Pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost.—W. M. Rumler, evangelist, Benton, Ill.

PORTLAND, Me.—The revival here is going on with unabated success. Many have been saved and reclaimed and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Among those

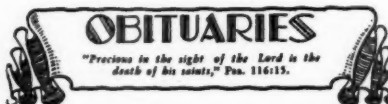
receiving the Holy Ghost was an Italian lady who belongs to a talented family and last night part of the Italian band was present helping with the music. Pray for us as never before as the devil is getting worried.—Sister Emma Newman and coworker.

The revival at Jellico, Tenn., is still going. I took very sick and they brought me home but as soon as I get better I am going back. Pray hard for me; we have the devil on the go and are having one of the greatest revivals I have been in in years. The church is now on fire for God.

We will begin a revival at LaFollette after Christmas.—D. A. Biggs.

The Church of God at Demorest, Ga. began a revival Sunday, Dec. 17, which will run through the Christmas holidays. All members who are away are invited to come home to visit us. All neighboring churches and pastors have an invitation to come be with us. We covet the prayers of the children of God that the Father, Son and Holy Ghost will have full control of each service.—C. A. Culpepper, pastor.

At this writing we are in an old time, power-falling revival here and the Lord is working in a mighty way. Come and be with us. Our evangelist, Brother J. C. Cox, of Hudson, Fla., and his coworkers are running the revival. Several nights the Holy Ghost has taken charge and manifested in many different ways. Thank God for that. The revival has been going three weeks and twenty-six have been saved, fifteen sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. We believe with all our heart that the revival has just begun. Pray that God will continue blessing here and give us a great revival.—Sidney Littell, Lutz, Fla.



### MCKINNEY

Little Myrion O. McKinney, a mandolin player of the Pomroy string band, died Dec. 11, 1939. He was saved and sanctified and although just a child, he was also a worker and was always ready and faithful to the end.—His stepfather, B. G. Pomroy, 215 Ridgeway St., Greenville, N. C.

### JONES

Brother James Porter Jones was born Nov. 13, 1855 and died Dec. 15, 1939; age eighty-four years, one month and two days. He left a testimony that he was going to a better home.—Harvey Parker, Vanndale, Ark.

### ESTEP

Brother N. J. Estep, a loyal member of the Church of God at Woodman, Ky., departed this life Dec. 16, 1939; age sixty-six years.—His brother-in-law, Elliott Justice, Freeburn, Ky.

### JOPLIN

Brother Daniel Joplin, member of the Church of God at Logan, Ill., departed this life Nov. 30, 1939; age seventy years. He was the father of one of our ministers who is pastor of the Church of God at Benton, Ill.—Archie F. McWilliams, pastor.

### VAUGHN

Our dear husband and father, Grant P. Vaughn, member of the Church of God at Harlan, Ky., was instantly killed in the mines near Middlesboro, Ky.; age forty-one years, eight months and twelve days.—Mrs. G. P. Vaughn and family, 414 Ray St., Harlan, Ky.

### TAYLOR

Mr. Alexander Taylor departed this life at the age of sixty-seven years. He said he was ready to go.—One who loved him, Alma Cartwright, Old Grays, Long Island, Bahamas.

### ON THE AIR

Bible Training School over station WNOX, Knoxville, 1010 Kc., 6:00-6:30 a. m. each Saturday.

Church of God, over station WBTH, Williamson, W. Va., 2:00 p. m. each Sunday. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va. and W. H. Compton, Box 153, Delbarton, W. Va., district overseers, in charge. Write us and tell us how you like the programs.

The Church of God, N. Chattanooga, Tenn. over station WAPO, each Wednesday evening at 8:30. J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Lindale and Rome, Georgia, churches; W. T. Nelson and S. W. Latimer, pastors. Monday, 10:30 a. m., WRGA, 1500 Kc.

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The Church of God, Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, Decatur, Ala., 1370 Kc., Sunday 8:45 a. m. and each week day at 4:30 p. m. A. H. Batts, pastor.

The Church of God Y.P.E., Big Spring, Tex., over station KBST, Big Spring, Tex., each Sunday at 2:00-2:15 p. m. Sister Briggs, president; W. W. Smethers, pastor.

The Church of God, Huntsville, Ala., over station WBHP, Huntsville. Each Sunday from 9:30 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. Claude Gossett, pastor.

The Church of God of the Canton-Akron, Ohio districts, over station WADC, every Sunday at 8:00-8:30 a. m.

Mobile, Ala. district, over station WMOB, 1200 Kc., Monday through Friday at 10:00-10:15 a. m. C. T. Dunn, district pastor.

The Church of God, Hobbs, N. Mex. over station KWEW, 1500 Kc., Hobbs. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-3:30. H. E. Ramsey, overseer of New Mexico and Colorado.

The Church of God, Casper, Wyo. over station WKFN, Casper. Every Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. (Mountain Standard Time.) S. M. Pearson, pastor.

The Church of God, Harrisburg, Ill. over station WEBJ, Harrisburg. Each Monday at 3:00 p. m. Archie F. McWilliams, pastor.

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